and tender toward a young, levely and affectionate wife, he may be innocent, but he certainly is

unfortunate." Mrs. Whitney authorizes the following state-

"I dislike to say anything more for the press on this subject, but it distresses me very much that Mr. Depew should have become so much involved in it. Still, it was the very fact that Mr. Depew had told these stories that stung me into my indignant outburst, for if he would believe them, and he would not repeat them unless he did, what man or woman, in the whole land, would not have the right to believe them, tool For Mr. Depew is eminent beyond all for fairness and courtesy to friend and foe, and is beyond my criticism or praise in his kindliness and indisposition to harm others. And yet he, of all men, was given as the authority for these stories-not by one, but by several persons-for he forgot, in the excitement of telling them, that his vivid descriptive powers sent them flying again, and, in passing from one to another, his qualifications of them were forgotten. But his denial of belief in them now will do far more than anything I have said to crush them forever back into the dirt, whence they came. Please say, also, that what I said was without communication with, and without the knowledge of, anyone. I take the responsibility alone, and I am glad I did, for the letters I receive show that it was high time some one

## COMMISSIONER EDGERTON.

Washington Gossips Insist That He Intends Resigning His Position.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal Washington, Dec. 1! .- In connection with the issuance of the order directing the extension of the civil-service rules over the railway mail service and the talk about the appointment of Mr. Thomson, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, to fill the vacancy made in the Civil-service Commission by the retirement of Mr. Oberly, a good deal was said to day about the absence of Civil-service Commissioner Edgerton. It is believed that Mr. Edgerton will soon retire from the commission, notwithstanding his denial of any intention to resign. One who has had much business before the Civil-service Commission during the past two years says that Mr. Edgerton has not, during that time, written a letter on the business of the commission; that he has not suggested a measure for the good of the service, and that in fact the only real work he has done on the commission the Webster case in the Chicago customhouse, and to write a report thereon; an examination into the condition of the postoffice at Newark, N. J., and to sign the official letters of the commission prepared for his signa-ture as president of the commission. It is stated, further, that during the last two years he has been in Washington not more than half the time, and it is urged that he has, in repeated conversations with representatives of the press, attempted to bring the commission into contempt by declaring that the service is a fraud, a delusion, and a snare. It is stated that the President and Secretary of War have under consideration the expediency of extending the civil service over the arsenals and armories. It will be remembered that Secretary Endicott was so greatly annoyed by repeated applications for appointment of Democratic politicians to positions in the arsenals and armories that he directed General Benet to remove women and shildren to make vacancies.

#### What the Commissioner Says. Special to the Indianapolis Journal

Fr. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 11.-In regard to the rumor sent out as to his resignation, Civil Service Commissioner A. P. Edgerton to-day authorized the following statement: "I have no thought of resigning. I was at the executive mansion on Friday afternoon, the 7th inst., with Commissioner Lyman, and it was then determined by the President and the commissioners that the railway mail service should be brought into the classified service, and the President's order, which I fully approved, was decided upon. It is said that this order was the cause of my resignation and of my leaving Washington. I came home exclusively on private business, and intend to return in a few

## ARCHITECT BELL.

Something About a Man Who Tried to Curry Favor with Democratic Bosses. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 .- Some of the Repub licans of the Northwest will be interested in learning that M. E. Bell, late of Iowa, is already in the field as a candidate for the office of Supervising Architect of the Treasury. Mr. Bell filled that office for several years, and was only dismissed by Mr. Cleveland less than two years ago. Mr. Bell, during his incumbency in office, designed some of the most atrocious public buildings ever erected by a civilized government. Just before the election in 1884 he said to your correspondent that, under no circumstances, would be think of remaining in office for one single week if, through inscrutable providence. Mr. Cleveland should be elected. which he did not believe would be the case for a moment. Yet Mr. Cleveland had scarcely been elected forty-eight hours before this noble patriot and rank partisan found occasion to hasten to Albany and congratulate the Governor upon his success. The estensible purpose of his visit to New | arresting and bonding process will stop it is York State was to look over the site which had been chosen for the federal building in Troy. He went to Albany, but forgot all about Troy, and had not been back in Washington much more than forty-eight hours before he began to discharge efficient employes who were Republicans, and to appoint Democrats in their places to please Gorman, Kenna and other Democratic Senators. This, it will be remembered, was weeks before the close of Mr. Arthur's administration. Instead of resigning on the 4th of March, he used every device in his power and all the political wires he could pull to retain his place until the last moment, and throughout the whole of his incumbency of the office after the inauguration of President Cleveland, M. E. Bell continuously sacrificed Republicans and appointed placa-hunters selected by Gorman and other powerful Democratic bosses, who kept him in place until they had no further use for him and then let him go.

# MINOR MATTERS.

Preparing to Vacate Their Places-Demoeratic "Simplicity and Honesty."

Special to tue Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-There is wonderful hustling around the departments now by Democratic officials who expect to go out of office soon after next March. They were so confident they would be continued in office that they made little or no provision for the future. They were profligate and spent nearly all of their salaries, and laid no groundwork for business connections outside. Now that they realize that they are confronted with private citizenship they are hastening to secure other employment. An old elerk in the Treasury Department tells me that more than one-half of the chiefe of division there, and other high grades of officers who are not protected by the civil-service rules, are now, or have been since the election, away from their posts, notwithstanding the fact that they exhausted their regular thirty days' leave of absence which is granted every year. Several have made arrangements to go away indefinitely. These extraordinary leaves are granted on full pay. It appears that the administration which came into power with such a blare of trumpets about economy and reform has no scruple whatever about the allowance of salaries without the rendering of service. It will be remembered that a few months after Mr. Cleveland took possession of affairs, a let of the horses and carriages used by department officers were sold, and it was announced that the Jeffersonian principle would dictate the use of legs and the patronage of street cars. There are just as many horses and carriages now used for Measure and official business round the capital

### there have ever been before. Orders for the Hayti Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-Orders were issued by the Navy Department to-day for the United States steamers Galena and Yantie to sail from New York to-morrow for Port-au-Prince, Hayti, to enforce the demand of this government for the release of the steamer Haytisn Republic. They will sail in company and be under the command of Rear-admiral Luce, who has been instructed to transfer his flag from the Richmond to the Galena. The owner of the Haytian Repermission of the Secretary of the Navy, will be a passenger on the Galena, and it is therefore expected that the vessel will be restored to bim as soon as it gets into the possession of the

naval officers. Secretary Whitney returned

the Navy Department to-day. He declined to talk about the Haytian trouble, on the ground that there was nothing to add to what has already appeared in the newspapers.

### Indiana Pensions. Pensions have been granted the following-

named Indianians: Originals-James T. Horrall, Washington; William Clark, Brownstown; Thomas H. Dinsmore, Madison; Jordan Hall, New Albany, Jerry Sauntry, Evansville; Gilbert H. Shaw, Leaven-worth; William H. Wilson, Shelbyville; William Milliken, Crawfordsville; Josh Johnston,

Increase-James M. Yoder, Nashville; John A. Moore, Crawfordsville; John R. Baker, Madison; Robert Ballston, New Albany; Robert W. Weatherington, Vernon; Edward Nolan, North Vernon: John Weaver, Lawrenceburg; Edward N. Connor, Salem; Benjamin D. Wilson, Shelbyville; John A. Wilson, Vernon.

Reissues, etc.-William B. Adams, Franklin; David J. Wilson, Bloomington: John D. Carter, Orleans; Frederick Lotz, Otisco; Samuel H. Blaney, Evansville; William H. Helperinger, Gosport; L. A. Phelps, Bloomington; Eliza E., widow of Preston B. Simpson, Bedford.

#### Indiana Patents. Special to the Indianapolis Journa.

Washington, Dec. 11 .- Patents were grant ed to Indiana inventors, to-day, as follows:

Jeremiah A. Barber, Newville, fence; Frances M. Beck, Wabash, shaft-bearer; Chas. A. Copeland, Rocklane, steering apparatus for traction engine; Louis G. Gustabel, Monticello, hame tug: Franklin F. Harman, Honey Creek, cornplanter: Thomas B. Harrison, assignor to Harrison Type-writer Company, Anderson, typewriting machine: Robert C. and G. E. Hawley, South Bend, apparatus for heating grain: Samuel Hobson, Rockport, portable fence; Clement Hoover, Winchester, head-rest; Albert P. Sibley and G. O. Ware, South Bend, bushing for split pulleys.

Good News for South Bend. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 .- The House commit tee on public buildings and grounds has decided to report favorably a bill appropriating \$60,-000 for the erection of a public building at South Bend, Ind.

### General Notes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. Washington, Dec. 11.-Corporal Tanner, of Brooklyn, who canvassed Indiana with Gen. Hovey, arrived from Ohio, this morning, where he has been on a lecturing tour among the Grand Army posts. "We were afforded a great deal of amusement on the journey," said Mr. Tanner, "by reading the accounts in the New York papers about the manner in which Russell Harrison was received in New York. The stories were more amusing to Russell Harrison than to any of us. He was on the train on his way to New York."

A letter was transmitted to the House, to-day, from the Public Printer, submitting an estimate for a deficiency appropriation of \$350,000 for the current fiscal year.

The House committee on military affairs today ordered a favorable report to be made on a bill to place Gen. John C. Fremont on the retired list of the army as a major-general. J. T. Applewhite, of Brownstown, Ind., is

The Comptroller of the Currency to-day approved the Citizens' National Bank, of Louisville, as a reserve agent for the People's National at Washington, Ind. Charles T. Pickett, of Union City; Isaac B. Faulkner, of Mitchell; Weils Johnson, of Osgood, Ripley county, and Edward W. Sittle, of Cumberland, were to-day admitted to practice before the Interior Department.

James W. Davis, of Indiana, was to-day appointed a carpenter in the Postoffice Depart-

## THE BIRMINGHAM TRAGEDY.

lov. Seay Indorses the Action of the Sheriff. but Other People Exhibit Ugly Temper.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 11 .- Gov. Seay had interviews with many gentlemen this morning on the subject of the tragedy of Saturday night. The Governor afterwards had an interview with Sheriff Smith, and said that he indorsed the sheriff's action and was glad that Jefferson county had a high sheriff who, no matter how painful his duty, could uphold the law and protect the county jail.

The events of to-day are briefly told. The coroner's jury to investigate the shooting met, and adjourned till to-morrow in order to procure witnesses. Sheriff Smith was released on \$25,000 bonds, and will take charge of his office again at once. Beginning to-night, the troops will be sent away, one company at a time, until all are gone. Martin Walker and Jeff Brown, colored, have been arrested as supposed accomplices in the Hawes murder, but the evidence against them is only circumstantial. None of the wounded have died to-day.

Hawes has made no confession, but still protests his innocence. A new turn came to affairs when another warrant, charging Sheriff Smith with the murder of McCoy, was sworn out. The warrant for his first arrest was for the murder of Throckmorton. Coroner and Acting Sheriff Babbitt has been

for several hours in search of Smith, but to this time he has not been found. It is understood, however, that his friends have already made up another bond of \$25,000 to secure his release on the second warrant. Then still another warrant will come, and in each case Judge Winkley will require a similar amount of security. Where the hard to tell, but it looks from outward indications as if wisdom and proper regard for selfpreservation would dictate to Smith to remain yet a while longer in jail. The investigation of the coroner into the causes of the death of Mrs. Hawes and her little daughter May, has continued all day, and the evidence is not all in yet. To-morrow a verdict will probably be given to the public.

At 11 P. M. the warrant for the second arrest of Smith had not been executed, the officers being unable to find Smith. Whether he has left the city or not is not known. as no clew can be obtained as to his whereabouts. It is believed, however, that upon being released be bid himself away to avoid danger of any sort. At this hour no order for removal of the troops has been issued, but there is reason to believe that one will be tomorrow. There is now no mob feeling, but in its stead a determined purpose to see that the guilty shall pay the penalty, and that Smith and his posse, as well as Hawes, must answer to the courts. When the military leave there will probably be little trouble, if any.

# THE BURLINCTON CONSPIRACY.

Several Witnesses Identify Bowles as the Man Who Furnished the Dynamite.

GENEVA, Ill., Dec. 11.-Evidence in regard to the Eola explosion was given at the trial of the "Q" dynamiters, yesterday. The testimony of witness Lomis Stebbins, the baggagemaster: Frank O'Neil, conductor; W. B. Thompson, engineer; Andrew Stephenson, brakeman; J. W. Birge, fireman, and John Giaffies, brakeman, was, in substance the same. They all heard a loud, sharp report. The engineer and fireman saw a flash, and were both considerably shaken up. The head-light and cab lights were put out. and the flange of a wheel was broken for about twenty-two inches.

Thomas C. Lloyd, of Noblesville, Ind., testified to selling John A. Bowles dynamite on several occasions, and identified some of the explosive.

Kirk Howe, of Westfield, Ind., testified to selling Bowles dynamite fuse and fulminating

Thomas F. Cleary, a detective, testified to arresting Broderick and Bowles on the train running from Aurora to Chicago July 5, 1888. He searched Broderick and found a pocketbook and half a dozen fulminating caps. Robert W. Cowjy, master mechanic of the Galesburg division, testified that he examined the track the morning after the explosion and found the crossing badly broken and a hole underneath about ten inches deep. He had also examined the engine and found that the flange of the wheel was broken for about twentytwo inches; the opposite itruck wheel was

John Mulligan was the last witness, and he testified to conversations he had with Bauereisen and others concerning the purchase of dynaand he was in company with Broderick and Bowles when they took dynamite to Chicago to be placed on the Sixty-fourth-street crossing in time to catch the 6:30 train on the evening of July 5. They were all arrested, however, before their designs could be carried out. The court then adjourned.

The Ohio Supreme Court has granted the motion to take out of its order the case of the State against George H. Staynor and Henry S. Ives. from New York yesterday afternoon and was at | Time for hearing will be fixed bereafter.

EXPLOSION OF MEAL DUST

A Section of Chicago Roused from Slumber in Strange and Startling Manner.

Several Large Buildings Completely Wrecked and Four Men Killed-An Explosion That Developed Most Amazing Force.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11 .- Three men are known to have been killed, one fatally injured, and anumber of people badly bruised and shaken up, early this morning, by an explosion of meal dust which completely wrecked a three-story brick building on North Halstead street, occupied by David Oliver as an oat-meal mill. Several adjoining buildings were also badly shattered. The explosion, which occurred shortly after 2 o'clock, was a terrific one, the shock being felt a mile away. The buildings in the immediate vicinity were bombarded with flying bricks and timbers, and nearly every pane of window-glass within a radius of six blocks was smashed. Almost before the rumble of the explosion died away, flames sprang up from the wrecked mill and the whole place was ablaze in a few minutes. The fire spread with incredible rapidity,

and when the first fire companies reached the scene they found a block of roaring flames to contend with. A general alarm was at once turned in. Engines were stationed at every available point around the blazing patch. and buildings that did not take fire at the outset were saved after the hardest kind of work. Sparks that were carried through the air by the wind ignited buildings two blocks away, and for half an hour the firemen had all they could do to prevent half a dozen serious conflagrations. The streets were filled with debris for a block on every side of the burned patch, and this seriously obstructed the firemen in their work. They stumbled over boards, and timbers, and debris until their clothes were torn, their hands and faces cut, and their limbs so badly stiffened that they could scarcely walk. It was nearly two hours before the flames were under control. When the fire was at its highest the wildest rumors prevailed regarding the loss of life. It was known that four men had been at work in the meal-mill and about twenty in the planing-mill next door. sides these, the neighboring house many men, women and children. At one time it was estimated that twenty people had perished, but later this estimate was found to be greatly exaggerated. The men at work in the planing-mill all made their escape; a few of them were badly hurt, but the majority only slightly injured. Hundreds of men searched anxiously for the missing millers, and after some time one of them, John Holmes, was found lying in an alley across the street from the mill, terribly burned and lacerated. He was working in the second story of the mill when the explosion occurred, and was hurled through a window and across the street. He cannot live. No trace could be found of the other three men-Charles Miller, Charles Cooper and John Smith-and it is believed that their bodies are buried in the debris. The firemen are hopeful that no more lives were lost, but people living in the vicinity of the explosion are sure that more bodies will be found when the debris is explored. Persons who were asleep in the buildings adjacent to the wrecked mill were thrown out of their beds by the force of the explosion, and most of them were more or less in-

jured during the terrific bombardment of bricks and other debris. Charles Murphy occupied rooms over the sa-loon at the corner of Fulton and Halstead streets. With him were his family, consisting of his wife, two children and mother. They were all in bed when the explosion occurred and were all asleep. The force of the concussion wrecked the house from side to side, and all members of Murphy's family were thrown violently from their beds upon the floor or against the walls. Within an instant the house was enveloped in flames, and the cries of the dazed occupants reached the people on the streets. Charles Bleu was among the spectators, and, upon hearing the cries from Murphy's rooms, rushed into the building at the risk of his life and carried out the women and children, making three trips into the burning house. Murphy was so dazed that he was al most unable to get out of the house. All were secured without serious injury. Bieu was badly scorched and truised. The inmates Heng's boarding-house, across the

street, and Charles McCormick and his wife, who reside next door, escape from the shattered buildings with great difficulty, several of them being badly bruised and all losing their personal effects. The losses will aggregate about \$150,000. The loss on the mill is about \$75,000. Jacob Press, of the planing-mill, loses about \$50,000, and it is estimated that the other losses will be \$25,000.

About 10:30 this morning the excavating party discovered the body of a man, which was supposed to be that of engineer Miller. The corpse was found on the north driveway of the mill and was covered with about three feet of debris. The lower part of the body was covered with bruises and burns, and the face was mangled so that it could not be recognized. The unfortunate man had evidently been blown from the engine-room clear to the driveway. The boilers have been uncovered and are intact, which disposes of the theory that they had exploded. The police say there is no evidence of the use of dynamite, and it is now considered certain that mill-dust was the material exploded. Another body, that of Ernest Casper,

has been found in the ruins. Holmes, the miller and the only survivor of the catastrophe, is lying at the hospital, badly burned, cut and bruised. He says he was at the mill-stones on the first floor examing the flour as it came out and when the explosion occurred. It seemed to start below him, tearing up the floor, throwing him upward and rendering him unconscious. When he came to he began to crawl about in the wreck of the timbers and debris, but was unable to find an exit until the fire had gained such headway that he was severely burned. His belief was that the boilers had exploded until he was informed that such was not the case. He is not inclined to the opinion that the flour dust was responsible, and intimates that he has another theory of the cause. What this is he declines to make known

A street-car had just passed on Halstead street when the explosion occurred and one of the passengers happened to be looking directly at the mill at that moment. His description of the explosion accords with the theory that the explosion was of mill dust. He said: "I was looking directly at the mill when suddenly the entire building seemed to be filled with one broad glare of light. I never saw anything like it before in my life, and I have witnessed a great many fires. From roof to cellar the building was one blaze of fire, which was followed immediately by a loud rumbling noise that seemed to shake the very earth under our feet. This was followed by what appeared to be a second explosion, and then the bricks and machinery began to fly through the air."

The Oatmeal Trust has many enemies among the firms not in the combine, and it was insinuated that these parties might have had something to do with the explosion. The only man known to have opposed the trust in Chicago is J. H. Druley, the proprietor of the Kensington oatmeal mills, which were burned about two weeks ago. Mr. Druley was seen by reporters. He said: "I know absolutely nothing about the cause of the fire, but I have my suspicions. Last night I went to Joliet and did not get back until 5 o'clock this morning. I see by the accounts of the papers that the fire is attributed to an explosion of mill dust. Now, I have a great deal of trouble myself in that line, and I know that it is next to impossible for the dust to explode in the manner indicated. In my mill I was greatly troubled with the dust. I experimented with the stuff, and tried to set it on fire, but it would not burn. Therefore I have come to the conclusion that the trust will have to look elsewhere for the cause of the fire. I would just as soon believe that the managers of the concern knew something more about the fire than they have told. The boilers did not explode, and to my mind the dust was not the cause; and, therefore, what was it! Careful investigation might develop something interesting. To lay the matter against the enemies of the Oatmeal Trust is

nonsense." Officials of the fire department and most other persons competent to judge are of the opinion that mill dust is responsible for the explosion. Mr. Oliver himself, however, affirmed, when asked about the matter, that the dust of the mill was never left around in quantities sufficient to create such havoc, and he was not sure that mill dust would explode, even though it was left around. He denied, also, that he had

ever had any difficulty with his men. A report to the effect that his own workmen had destroyed the factory with explosives cannot find any supporters among the surviving workmen themselves. That outside parties wrecked the building is not believed. A man named Nicholas Auton, a friend of the engineer, was at the mill last night, and as he has not heen seen since, it is believed that he is in the ruins, making four victims.

An Actor Found Dead in Bed. DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 11 .- Charles A. Mc-Manus, a well-known actor and comedian, of Philadelphia, who has been for some time connected with the Rhea company, was found dead

had been around all day, but went to bed to rest for the evening performance, and when found had been dead for some time. He leaves a family at Philadelphia. His death was attributed to heart disease.

## THE LABOR FEDERATION.

Address of President Gompers-The Eight

Hour Day a Controlling Question. Sr. Louis, Dec. 11.-The annual convention of the American Federation of Labor met at Turner Hall between 12 and 1 o'clock this afternoon, and the delegates were welcomed to the city in speeches by C. M. Woodward, director of the manual school of Washington University, and by Mr. S. S. Bass, a lawyer of St. Louis. President Gompers replied in fitting terms, and the convention then took a recess to let the committee on credentials, which had been appointed, prepare their report.

At the afternoon session the committee on credentials reported, seating forty-seven delegates, representing thirty-three bodies. The committee on rules reported, fixing the hours of session from 9 A. M. to 12 noon, and from 2 until 6 P. M. The Federation got quickly down to business, and in less than half an hour from calling the session to order President Gompers called First Vice-president Daniel McLaughlin, of Braidwood, Ill., to the chair and took the floor to read his annual report. The report opens by declaring the purposes of the meeting to be to plan for the amelioration of wrongs now existing and the betterment of the entire industrial body. Considerable space is given to the eight-hour working day. Upon this subject Mr. Gombers says:

In connection with the eight-hour movement, permit me to direct your attention to the action of tois convention, which, I believe should be towards achieving success. We should not content ourselves with the passage of a resolution meaning nothing. If this convention should decide to engage the attention of the working people to the adoption of the eight-hour work day, it should take such steps as would lead to practical action and results. I would suggest, therefore, that we encourage the formation of eight-hour leagues in every city and town through-out the entire country, and that the trades unions and labor unious should be represented in them, not to conflict with the local central labor-unions or trade councils, but to concentrate their efforts upon the eight-hour movement alone. I suggest, further, that a certain day be set apart, some holiday, probably Feb. 22, 1889, on which mass-meetings shall be held simultaneously throughout the entire country for the discussion of this subject, and that resolutions of a similar character be submitted to each of these meetings. There are other matters of detail connected with this subject which it is unnecessary now to

Mr. Gompers strikes hard at autocracy in the labor movement, and declares that "autocracy is as dangerous in labor unions as it is in

the state." Of strikes he says: For quite a time a great deal has been said in con-demnation of strikes by labor or pseudo-labor men, with which I confess I have no patience. It is true that no man who has given the question of strikes and the labor movement any thought can look upon strikes with any favor; but to be continually con-demning them is entirely another thing. To know when to strike, and particularly when not to strike, is a science not yet fully understood. Mouthing con-demnation of strikes we find, by experience, does not abolish, or even reduce their number. As a consist-ent opponent of strikes, though, I find that those or-ganizations of labor which have best provided themselves with the means to strike have continually less occasion to indulge in them. The most potent factor to prevent or reduce the number of strikes is a wellorganized trade-union, with a full treasury, ready to strike should the necessity arises.

Of relations with other organizations, the report says:

Our position in regard to this question has not and cannot change. The federation, being the representative of the trades-union movement, can afford to be enerous even to its enemies. The trades-unions have no flatulent existence; they were not called into being by any necromancy. Their existence is the natural and historically developed result of our eco nomic conditions and environments,

The report charges that Powderly, after asking for a conference looking to harmony between the Knights of Labor and the federation, failed to meet the federation representatives, Throughout the report a bitterness is shown against the Knights of Labor, which, however, seemed to meet with no respose from the dele-Of the Knights of Labor I can merely say that

their conduct toward the trade-unions within the past year had not improved. It has seemed, whether by design or otherwise, to be their purpose, that when a trade union has had a dispute between their employer and themselves, to throw the influence of their organ-

Hearty applause followed the close of the reading of the report. Frank K. Foster, of the Central Labor Union of Boston, moved to refer that part of the report relating to the eight-hour question to a special committee of seven, to report upon the feasibility of the recommendation, and if found feasible to report ways and means for its en-

fact that the "eight hour-a-day" question is the central one of the session, it was carried. The ession then adjourned. The delegates attended a banquet to-night. tendered by the Trades and Labor Assembly

After some debate, which brought out the

of this city.

Switchmen on Strike.

Tolepo, Dec. 11.—There is a small strike among the switchmen of the Pennsylvania railroad yards here. The Lake Shore recently advanced the pay of its yardmen, and the employes of the other roads began agitating for a similar increase. The twenty-five men in the Pennsylvania yards made their demand yesterday, and, after consultation, the officials offered an increase of 10 cents a day. The men rejected this, and went out. This morning new men were hired, and business goes on without interruption. The switchmen on all the other roads have made a formal demand for an increase to the Lake Shore schedule, and threaten to go out if it is not granted. It was expected they would strike to-day, but so far they are at

The switchmen in the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, and in the Toledo & Ohio Central yards, some eighty or ninety men in all, went out this afternoon, and the indications are the strike will extend further.

# OBITUARY.

Benjamin F. Claypool, a Prominent Lawyer and Politician of Fayette County.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal CONNERSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 11.-Hon. Benjamin F. Claypool died at his residence, in this city, of typhoid pneumonia, at 1:10 o'clock this morning, aged sixty-three years. The funeral will take place from the late residence on Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

Benjamin F. Claypool was born in Connersville, Fayette county, on Dec. 12, 1825, and resided there until April, 1836, when, with his father, he removed to a farm one mile north of Connersville, where he resided and worked until the fall of 1843. His father, Newton Claypool. had served in the Indiana Legislature with credit and held various positions of honor. He was a pupil for eight years of Harvey Nutting. a then famous educator, and in 1843 entered Asbury University, from which he graduated two years later in the classical course. In March, 1847, he was admitted to practice, having studied law with Hon. O. H. Smith, of Indianapolis, and opened an office at Connersville. He soon acquired a considerable practice and became active in politics. In polities he was a Whig, but when that party went down he became a Republican, which he has since remained. In 1856 he was a delegate to the Philadelphia convention that nominated John C. Fremont. In 1864 and 1868 he was a Republican elector from Indian. In 1860 he was elected to the State Senate and strongly favored all measures looking to a vigorous prosecution of the war. In 1874 he was the Republican nominee for Congress against Wm. S. Holman, but was defeated with the rest of the ticket. Mr. Claypool has also at times been engaged in the banking business. He was president of the branch at Connersville of the State Bank of Indiana, and afterward president of the First National Bank of Connersville from its organization until 1873, when he sold out his interests. In 1853 Mr. Claypool married Miss Alice Helms. daughter of Dr. Jefferson Helms, of Rush connty. Two children were born to them, Jefferson, who was in partnership with his father at the time of the latter's death, and Mrs. Henry C. Meredith, widow of the late Representative from Wayne county. After the death of his first wife Mr. Claypool married the widow of the late Dr. Clippenger, of this city, and she survives him. He was a brother of Mr. E. F. Claypool, of this city. His son, Jefferson H. Claypool, was elected joint Representative to the Legislature from Henry and Fayette counties at the recent election.

Business Embarrassments. CHICAGO, Dec. 11.-Eugene J. Riley, a furniture-dealer, has made an assignment. Liabili ties, \$30,000; the assets consist of a stock on hand that will inventory about \$10,000, and a large amount of bills receivable, many of which

are of doubtful value. New York, Dec. 11. - An attachment has been obtained against Gallinger & Co., wholesale dealers in glassware, at No. 36 Barclay street, and at Pittsburg, Pa., for \$7,466, in favor of the Bristol Brass and Clock Company, who are creditors for an additional sum of \$17,000, makin his bed at a hotel in Big Rapids to-night. He | ing their claim \$24,468.

INDIANA AND ILLINOIS NEWS.

Heavy Damages Assessed Against a Railroad

for Putting Off a Passenger. Special to the Indianapolis Journal ROCKVILLE, Ind., Dec. 11 .- The trial of Alfred T. King, of Charleston, Ill., vs. the I. & St. L. Railroad Company, on a change of venue from Vigo county, has taken several days of court. The jury last night returned a verdict for King for \$6,500. At Terre Haute, King, while asleep. was carried by the station, and the conductor awoke him and told him to get off at the C. & E. I. crossing. At this point the train was running twelve miles per hour, and King claimed the conductor pushed him off the platform, breaking his leg. The first trial was held at Terre Haute, where King got a verdict for \$1,500, but the company got a new hearing, with the above result.

Annual Meeting of the State Grange.

special to the Indianapolis Journal-Кокомо, Ind., Dec. 11.—The Indiana State Grange met in annual session here to-day. Delegates from fifty counties responded to the rollcall, and many others are expected. It is thought the meeting will occupy the remainder of the week. Reports show the order in a prosperous condition. A public reception was given at the court-house to-night with an address of welcome by Mayor Moulder, which was responded to by Overseer Henry Doup.

Sheriff Jones Dies of His Wounds.

secial to the Indianaports Journa MARION, Ind., Dec. 11.-R. L. Jones, sheriff of Grant county, expired this morning at Jerome. where he was shot on Sunday night by John Fleming, whom he was in the act of arresting. The coroner of Howard county held an inquest and post-mortem examination this afternoon, and the remains will be brought here for burial to-morrow. This tragic outcome of the affair has sadly impressed the entire city and county, Sheriff Jones having been very popular among all classes.

Oil in Tipton County.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal TIPTON, Ind., Dec. 11.-Representatives of the Standard Oil Company are prospecting for oil near Windfail, this county, and have already secured the right of way through several farms. They are still engaged in leasing lands, and will sink the first well about the first of January. They claim that a superior quality of oil exists in this county and much interest has been aroused in the matter.

Brewery Property Sold.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 11.—The Newman & Bohrer brewery property was sold to-night for \$60,900. It was bid in by George A. Bohrer, surviving partner. The Best Brewing Company of Milwaukee, and Cramer & Hoffman, of O tumws, Ia., were also bidders. The brewer sold for \$11,000 in excess of the appraised value The Ottumwa firm's bid was but \$100 less tha

Wants a Slice of the Estate. Special to the Indianapolis Journal

WABASH, Dec. 11.—Suit has been commence in the Wabash Circuit Court by Mrs. Sabrit Knight against the estate of the late John Knight, her father-in-law, claiming \$5,00 Judge Knight left his property to his son Fran and daughter Mary. Mrs. Knight was house keeper for her father-in-law for several year The case will be tried in Grant county, a chang of venue having been granted.

Indiana Notes.

Dr. Alfred Keyser, a pioneer settler and ph sician, died at Peru on Monday, aged eighty-si D. S. Beaver, aged eighty-eight, a resident Fort Wayne for fifty years, died on Monday pneumonia. Prof. Case Palmer, of Boston, has been elec

ed professor of chemistry in Wabash College, Crawfordsville. Burglars at Bedford broke into Kelly's dri store and the office of the Hollowell Granit Company, but were frightened off by the of

A valuable horse and buggy belonging to T. Neidhamer, of Hobbs Station, was take from the hitching rack on the court-hou

square, at Tipton, last evening. Non-partisan temperance work has receive in impetus in Decatur county, through the fluence of Hon. Ansley Gray, the eloquent or tor of Oberlin, O. An I. O. G. T. lodge h been organized at Adams.

The dead body of David Curry, an old farm living in the northern part of Shelby count was found in a fence corner near his home, t other night, and a partly-filled whisky bottle him. It is supposed he perished from exposur Patrick McGuire, who is alleged to have kills Michael Kain in August, 1885, was to have be tried at Rochester on Monday, but he failed appear, and his bond of \$2,000 was declared for

feited. This will probably end this case, as t defendant is believed to have gone to Ireland On Monday night, while a number of boys | Ft. Washakie, Wy 30.10 30 16 40 ..... Fair. were serenading Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown, a newly married couple living near Waynetown, Montgomery county, Geo. Hendricks had his left hand blown into fragments by the bursting of a gun while he was firing to help increase

The Christian Church at Charlestown bought a large bell at Louisville and sent a team to Jeffersonville on Monday to get it. While the driver was absent a man drove up, loaded the bell on his wagon and disappeared with the outfit. When the Charlestown teamster returned home he was met by the entire population, whose rejoicing turned to the deepest disgust when they found they were robbed of their bell. Nothing has been heard of it.

The following are the new officers of the Woman's Relief Corps of McPherson Post, G. A. R., No. 7, at Crawfordsville: President, Mrs. Hettie Talbot; senior vice-president, Miss Laura Williams; junior vice-president, Mrs. Ella Webster; chaplain, Mrs. C. A. Ballard; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Travis; conductor, Mrs. L. C. Ambrose; assistant conductor, Mrs. Jos. McDaniel; guard, Mrs. Kate Milholland; assistant guard, Mrs. Reprogle; secretary, Nellie Holbrook.

Illinois Items.

Four young men of Ottawa-Sawyer, Turk and Larson brothers-have been arrested for repeated burglaries committed in that town. Dr. Hiram D. Flower committed suicide at Fulton on Monday, by cutting his throat with a pocket-knife while temporarily msane. He was sixty-one years old and had lived there since

Six thousand dollars has been found in the shanty of Mike Hennessy, a Peoria hermit, who was found dead three days ago. Hennessy had but one relative, a brother, living in poverty in

Lawrence Brock was shot and mortally wounded. Sunday night, in a row in a barber shop at Berwick. He has accused Jesse Edwards of the crime. Edwards is under arrest. He denies the charge.

Joseph Sutton, the leading merchant of Herrick, went to St. Louis two weeks ago to buy goods, and has failed to return. He had a large amount of money on his person, and it is feared that he has been murdered. G. H. Hallister, one of the wealthiest resi-

dents of Rockton, was brought to Rockford

Hospital for the Insane, on Monday. He is worth over \$200,000. Of late he has been hiding about barns and stables. Among the deaths of old citizens on Monday. were the following: Coleman Wyatt, of Carthage, age 71 years; Mrs. Jame A. Davis, of Pittsfield, aged 77, and Wm. M. Avise, aged 61,

of Quincy, a prominent business man and insurance agent. Two Illinois Central freight trains collided at Manteno Monday morning. Twelve loaded cars and one engine were demolished, and a brakeman was killed. The property loss is \$10,000. The engineers and firemen saved themselves by jumping. The collision happened during a heavy fog. The wreck took fire but was extin-

guished after hard work. The tax-payers of the three towns of Tuscola, Arcola and Bowdre are agitating the question of constructing a canal, fourteen miles long, to drain the lowlands of Douglas county. The lateral ditches of the canal will aggregate nearly 200 miles, and the work will cost about \$250,000. Over 100,000 acres of submerged land will be drained if the scheme is carried out as contem-

Family of Eight Persons Burned fo Death. Mr. Pleasant, Tex., Dec. 11.-News was received from Cookville, to-night, that the dwelling of John R. King was burned at 2 o'clock this morning, and King, wife and six children were burned to death. It is believed the family murdered and the house fired to conceal the

Robert George, aged twenty-three, was arrested yesterday for theft in Houghton & Dutton's store, at Boston, and a large trunk full of stolen property was found at his lodgings. The thief is the son of a minister in Georgia. He aspires to become an actor, and in order to fit himself for the stage he came to Beston and teined the Monree School of Oratory.

PHENIX, A. T., Dec. 11.—Major Spaulding. Fourth Cavalry, commanding Ft. McDowell, was killed yesterday by the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting. His wife will take his remains to Kalamasee, Mich., for interment



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DAILY WEATHER BULLETIN.

Indications.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. For Indiana and Illinois-Fair; colder; followed in Illinois by rain or snow and warmer northerly winds.

Local Weather Report. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 11. Time. | Bar. | Ther. | R. H. | Wind. | Weather | Pres 7 A. M... 30.02 32 78 N'wst Cloudy 2 P. M... 30.05 39 43 N'wst Fair. 7 P. M... 30.12 32 61 N'wst Fair.

Maximum thermometer, 39: minimum thermome-Following is a comparative statement of the condition of temperature and precipitation on Dec. 11,

Tem. Precip. Normal..... 0.00 Mean.... Total excess or deficiency since Dec. 1 \*20 Total excess or deficiency since Jan. 1—877

General Observations.

	Bar-	NAPOLIS. Dec. 1			Pre-	
Station.	ome-		Min.		cipi- tat'n	Weath's
New York city.	29.52	40	38		.36	Cloudy
Buffalo, N. Y	A 100 MIN 100 MIN 100				T	Cloudy
Philadelphia, P	29.62	42			.02	Fair.
Pittsburg, Pa.	29.94	34	28			Cloudy
Washington, D.		40				Clear.
Charleston, S. C	APPROXIMATION AND ARE					Cloud
Atlanta, Ga	00000					Clear.
Jacksonville, F				4	.84	Clear.
Pensacola, Fla.	30.08	56				
Montgomery, A	30.06	52	38	60		
Vicksburg, Mis	8. 30.06	58	40	66		
New Orleans, I	A. 30.08		46			Trees.
Little Rock, Ar	k. 30.08		36			
Galveston, Tex	30.04					Clear.
San Antonio, T		62				
Memphis, Tenr	30.10					Fair.
Nashville, Tenn	30.10					
Louisville, Ky.	30.12					
Indianapolis, In	ad. 30.12					Fair.
Cincinnati, O	30.08					ALCOHOL: NO.
Cleveland, O	29.98					Cloud
Toledo. O		G. I Brancher				Cloud
Marquette, Mic						Cloud
S. Ste. Marie, M	ich 30.02					Cloud
Chicago, Ill					Contraction of the last of the	Clear
Cairo, Ill						. Cloud
Springfield, Ill					3	
Milwaukee, Wi						. Clear
Duluth, Minn.	30.28					. Clear
St. Paul, Minn						. Clear
Morehead, Min	n 30.30	8	-	16		Fair.
St. Vincent, Mi	nn 30.26	3 .2				Cloud
Davenport, Ia.						
Dubuque, Ia	30.22		25	31	)	. Clear
Des Moines, Ia				48		Clear
St. Louis, Mo.						470
Kansas City, M			34			. Cicar
Fort Sill, Ind.	20 14			A		Clear
Dodge City, Ka	30.26	29		96	7 7	B Fair.
North Platte, N						Fair.
Valentine, Neb						Cloud
Yankton, D. T.		22				Cloud
Ft. Sully, D. T						2 Cloud
Bismarck, D. T						. Clone
Ft. Buford, D.				28	3	. Cloud
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Denver, Col	30.10	0 40				. Fair.
Pueblo, Col	30.10	3 44				Clean
Santa Fe, N. M	1 30.14	1 34				. Clear
Salt Lake City						Clear
Ft Washakie	Wv 30 10	01 30	0 1	6 4	0	Fair.

T-Trace of precipitation. Note-One inch of melted snow equals ten inches of snow.

Losses by Fire.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 11 .- Fire broke out this morning in a cottage in La Villa, owned by J. E. Howden, and before the fire department could get it under control, it had extended to other buildings in the vicinity and eight houses were destroyed, including several stores and shops. Loss, \$12,000.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 11. D. H. Baldwin & Co.'s music store was destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock this morning. Loss, \$75,000; insurance not known.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 11.-The Royer coal breaker, at Pleasant Valley, was destroyed by fire this evening. Loss, \$100,000; partially

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 11 .- Fire last night destroyed Thomas & Sons' tack-works. Loss. \$50,000; insured for a third of that amount. Steamship News.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 11 .- Arrived: Slavonia, from New York. QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 11. - Arrived: The Queen, from New York.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 11 .- Arrived: Leerdam,

from New York for Bremen; Lord Clive, from New York for Liverpool. AUCKLAND, Dec. 9 .- Arrived: Alameda, from San Francisco. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11. - Arrived: Lord O'Niel, from Liverpool

London, Dec. 11. -Off Fastnet: Arizona, from Business Man Charged with a Serious Crime. GREENSBURG, Pa., Dec. 11 .- Frank Baer, a miller, was arrested to-day for hiring four men to burn the flouring mills of D. L. Chambers at Latrobe, and Rambaugh's mill at Greensburg. The mills were valued at \$190,000, and were burned simultaneously, about six months ago. It is alleged Baer had the match applied for the purpose of getting rid of competition in the milling business in that neighborhood. The men engaged by Baer were arrested in Fayette county to-day, and will be brought to Greensburg to-morrow. Baer gave bail for a hearing

man, and his arrest created a great sensation. More "White Cap" Nonsense.

on Saturday. He is a very prominent business

CHICAGO, Dec. 11 .- A Times special from Rockford, Ill., says: "Rev. Mead Holmes, alderman from the Second ward of this city, who has been fighting the liquor interests, and who is the projector of an ordinance now pending which absolutely prohibits the sale of liquor here, to-day received a communication signed 'White Caps of Northern Illinois,' asking him to resign his position in the City Council and threatening him bodily injury in case he did not do so. The police are investigating the mat-

A Righteous Sentence,

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., Dec. 11 .- Charles F. Henderson, a veterinary surgeon, was sentenced today to twenty-eight years in the penitentiary for torturing about forty or forty-five horses with sulphuric seid and croton oil, during the progress of a political meeting held here Nov. 3. Henderson made a confession in court. There was much excitement when sentence was pronounced. Henderson was hurried off to Chester

this afternoon. . The Anti-Muhone Virginians. RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 11 .- At a conference of the leaders of the anti-Mahone wing of the Republican party of the State, held here to-night, it was decided to prepare a statement, to be submitted to President-elect Harrison, of the manner in which they assert General Mahone mismanaged the campaign in Virginia, by

which the electoral ticket was lost. An Army Officer Kitted While Hunting.